affectionate husband. = But God has not left me alone, altho he has seen fit to separate me from my husband, — He still shares to me my dear babe — & I have a throne of grace, to which I can go & cast all my cares. — Yes, my dear husband I can there plead for you, when far away = & I know the assurance too, that I am the subject of your intercessions daily. — —

I find my papers & pleasant companions, & I have so little society that I enjoy. It is quite a treat to receive them & read you — for I can be as retired as I choose here, having a chamber to myself where I can read, write or sew as I please, when my little bed is asleep. She begins to call Grandpa & to love him & I think the attachment is mutual —

Charlotte Cushman

Mr Cushman 26. 1834

Rev Amos A. Phelps
Care the American Missionary Office
Boston Mass

Mrs Phelps

There is an interesting state of religious feeling at Walpole in Mr Bigelow's society — He has had a protracted prayer meeting — which has been blessed — Aunt Dawes tells Father this week that there was more interest on the subject of religion at Lunenburg now than there has been for some time — The attention still continues at N. Bedford —

Sister Emily is coming home in 4 weeks to spend the remainder of the summer — Frederick will be here in 3 weeks to spend the vacation. Sister Emily wrote me this week — that William & herself were on good terms again — She found that the attachment in both sides was too strong to be ~~separated~~ broken — & has concluded to

counsels & labours among us & commend you to Him who has seen fit to remove you to another part of His vineyard, praying that your life & health may be precious in His sight & the your efforts to promote his cause may be rewarded by abundant success to wh I would respectfully add the expression of my personal esteem

By order of the Board

Mary Grew

The following certificate was enclosed— Boston April 14 1834

Received of H. P. White Treasurer of the Boston Ladies Anti Slavery Society $15 to constitute Miss Emma A. Phelps a life member of the New England Anti Slavery Society—

$15 00 James C. Odiorne Dead of N.E. A.S.S.

Now I want you to tell me, dear Sis, what I ought to do— how I should express my gratitude— whether by letter to Miss Grew as Sec'y of the society— or in some abolitionist paper,— or both— write me particularly what you think, for I am anxious to express all that I ought & in the most appropriate manner. If it is necessary to write, just tell me what to write— for it will be read before the society, and Childs & all— so you must tell me— I wish to reply before the next quarterly meeting (if not before) if I do at all— wh will be the [illegible] Wednesday of July— the sooner the better— you will [illegible] write when you receive this— wh I send by Aunt Nelson who thinks of going to N.Y. next Monday— I shall look for a letter from B. or Washington as you promised to write. I suppose you are enjoying yourself at times very much & I hope you do— for yr heart must sometimes be wrung with anguish by the recital of new heartrending facts— Oh, my dear husband, I feel that you have enlisted in a most glorious cause— & I trust that God will bless you— You will undoubtedly be called to practise much self-denial— but the Lord will sustain you— while you trust in Him— I have thought since you left, that if it is possible for you to fix upon any time, however short, if it is but a few minutes— when you could meet me at the throne of grace & at the same time I should be glad to join you— with special reference to each other & more particularly with regard to yourself & the cause in wh you are engaged— it may not be practicable for you as you will be moving about from place to place— but if it is you will say when. I begin to realize more since the excitement & confusion of moving is over— that you have gone from me— do not think me as whining about it— no— but I must have an heart of adamant not to feel— the loss— of the society & kindness of one I love so ardently— Nothing, no human nature in this world can supply the place of

separate &c — he seemed so decided on something else I dismissed the subject & read my letter & let him & the Dea talk — finally Dea I remark that he liked the course the Phelps pursued — & if they would all do as he does he would follow them — Here the subject ended — I thought then & I should not converse again with the Dr upon the subject but let him enjoy his own opinion unmolested — I suppose he read little or nothing upon either side of the question. — The Rev Mr Peirce of Foxboro' preached here last Sabbath — he is an advocate for the cause or rather is in favour of emancipation — would be glad to have the work done but does not see how it can be accomplished. He said the Abolitionists who engaged in this cause were the greatest patriots of the age — what do you think of that! By the way I rec'd a letter on Saturday the week you left from Miss Grew Corresponding Secretary of the Boston Female Anti Slavery Society — wh I will copy for you may advise me wh course to pursue with regard to it — It is as follows — "Dear Madam among the number of yr friends, who sincerely regret yr departure from this city, the members of the Anti Slavery Society would rank themselves. As individuals, we mourn the separation from a respected friend, as a Society we deplore the loss of a valuable officer. Permit us then at parting to express to you our thanks, for yr past services, & wishes for yr future prosperity. You have had the pleasure of seeing the infant association wh you assisted in forming, grow up under the smiles of Heaven, who will not despise the day of small things, & we trust it in the influence which it will exert in breaking the fetters of physical, intellectual & moral slavery, its founders will receive ample remuneration for all their labors. You heart will be cheered by the intelligence that at our last meeting we added example to precept, in our opposition to that bitter prejudice against our coloured friends wh yet rankles in the breasts of christians, by passing a resolution to invite our coloured Sisters to become members of our Society. From this union we anticipate the happiest results. You will, no doubt congratulate us, my dear Madam, for our discovery, that when we take a mote from our brothers eye, it will greatly facilitate the work, to extract the beam from our own.

It is my pleasant duty to inform you, that at the meeting alluded to, a resolution was passed to procure for you a life membership in the New England Anti Slavery Society. We beg you to accept it as a memento of our respect & esteem. In the name of the Society, Madam, I present you — our thanks, for your valued

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Wenthams Oct 26th 1834

My dear Husband,

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I was glad to receive a letter from you last Thursday & to hear that you arrived in safety at New York - I think you must have had rather a rough passage for the wind was high with us Thursday night - I suppose by this time you have arrived at the great metropolis - I have the privilege of following you in my imagination if I cannot be with you - The morning you left, when I found that had gone, my heart was full to overflowing I also you, but by prayer & reading the 121 Psalm, I was comforted - & altho' it is trying to be separated from my other self & better half - yet I am not disposed in spirit - yet - We get along pretty well so far - Mr Pond brought my things from Boston on Monday after you left - they were somewhat injured - it stormed when he brought them - & they were mauled in some places - but I am glad to receive them I feel much more at home with them & find it a great convenience to have them say & night - He charged only 1.25 ct for bringing them - The crib came just in time for little Ched was quite unwell - what with a severe cold & cutting his teeth - He had his gums cut which relieved him very much - He is now much better is about the house again, - happy as the day is long - grows interesting every day Elisa seems more contented - & I think will stay this Summer - I rec a letter yesterday from Sista Perry saying that she wanted me next week - I replied by the return of mail & directed it to Mendon, saying that I was depending upon her till fall & had been at the expense of getting a boon de for her - Soon after I sent my letter to the office I rec another from Mrs Perry, saying that she had engaged another girl so that ——— is decided — She told me that she had the pleasure of seeing my dear husband at N York — I have not received any letters for you & the Evangelist does not come - I rec to day for the first time the Mercury & Emancipator - The Liberator Mercantile & Journal come regularly - Is it time for me to receive Mr Dowal's Journal? I hope it will be sent - I hear nothing said upon the subject here - ——— ——— to get I have heard but little upon the subject of Anti Slavery - Dea Sanders called yesterday - He said he did not wish to flatter you or myself - but he did like the address you gave upon the subject better than any other he ever heard - for you attended to your & your own business & let the Colonizationists alone - for his part he was friendly to both - & if he was able he would contribute to both - He then objects to amalgamation & then told him that I used to feel so - but felt very differently now + how I felt about it - I thought we should be free agent & could choose if we pleased - nobody was to be obliged to marry a coloured person & - then Mr Fisk said, that it would result in intermarriage - & if it was wrong & immoral - he should drive against it - He was for keeping them